

A¹ 11. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 2 wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.

A² 13. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 1 in the form of a concentrate.

14. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 1 in the form of an aqueous solution.

A³ 17. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 1 further comprising a plant growth regulator.

A⁴ 19. (Amended) A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to claim 1 to the plant or its environs.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 19 wherein the thiosulphate is applied at 250 g/ha to 6 kg/ha.

A⁵ 22. (Amended) A method according to claim 19 wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.

A version of the above-amended claims marked to indicate the specific amendments may be found in the attached Appendix, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1).

Kindly cancel claims ~~23~~ and 24, without prejudice.

Kindly add ~~claims~~ 25-46 as follows:

A⁶ 25. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the phosphonate is ammonium, sodium or potassium phosphonate or a mixture thereof.

26. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the derivative of salicylic acid is salicylamide or a salt thereof.

27. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the homologue of salicylic acid is benzoic acid or a salt or derivative thereof.

28. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.

29. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 in the form of a concentrate.

30. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 in the form of an aqueous solution.

31. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 further comprising a plant growth regulator.

32. A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to claim 3 to the plant or its environs.

33. A method according to claim 32 wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.

34. A fertiliser composition according to claim 6 wherein the phosphonate is ammonium, sodium or potassium phosphonate or a mixture thereof.

35. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the thiosulphate is ammonium, sodium or potassium thiosulphate or a mixture thereof.

36. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the derivative of salicylic acid is salicylamide or a salt thereof.

37. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the homologue of salicylic acid is benzoic acid or a salt or derivative thereof.

38. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.

39. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 in the form of a concentrate.

40. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 in the form of an aqueous solution.

41. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 further comprising a plant growth regulator.

42. A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to claim 5 to the plant or its environs.

43. A method according to claim 42 wherein the thiosulphate is applied at 250 g/ha to 6 kg/ha.

44. A method according to claim 42 wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.

45. A method of stimulating the growth of a plant comprising applying an effective amount of the fertiliser composition of claim 1 to the plant or its environs to stimulate the growth of the plant.